

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-2595/1	Introduction Number AB-1088
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Description
 University of Wisconsin System and technical college tuition remissions for and grants to support foster care and other out-of-home care placement students and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 4/6/2022

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This fiscal estimate refers to the Department of Children and Families' (DCF's) assumed responsibilities under this bill to provide grants to University of Wisconsin System (UW) institutions and technical colleges within the Technical College System for programs that support former foster youth and to the impact on DCF for tuition remission for eligible youth formerly placed in out-of-home care.

If signed into law, the bill would create an annual appropriation under s. 20.235 (1)(fx) of \$410,000 (GPR) to the Higher Educational Aids Board and requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and technical college district boards to grant tuition remission to certain eligible students who were formerly placed in out-of-home care. The funding is likely to reduce the direct financial burdens that prevent such youth from attending post-secondary education and completing such a program successfully. However, there is no direct financial impact to DCF.

This bill additionally creates a new appropriation under s. 20.437 (1)(ch) of \$120,000 (GPR) in SFY2023 for DCF to distribute grants to UW institutions and technical colleges within the Technical College System for programs to support former foster youth. The bill correspondingly creates s. 48.543 and specifies that no fewer than four such grants shall be awarded and that no individual grant award may exceed \$30,000. If this bill were in effect, DCF would incur some additional administrative and operational costs for the management of the grant program. Such costs are indeterminate, and the department is likely able to absorb such costs using current budget.

Section 8 of the bill provides additional funding for the UW System for general program operations and to the Department of Public Instruction for special education funding. These provisions have no impact on DCF.

In summary, DCF is likely to incur some administrative and operational costs for the administration of the \$120,000 per biennium grant program for UW System institutions and technical colleges to support former foster care youth. However, such costs are indeterminate, and the department is likely able to absorb such costs using current funding. There is no direct financial impact to DCF for tuition remission for eligible youth who were formerly placed in foster care. The department does not anticipate any impact to local government costs under this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications